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Now it is up to every Democratic and Independent voter to go earnestly to work for the election of the Democratic ticket—the best one nominated at Tuesday's primary.

Gaston Chevrolet made a new automobile world speed record at Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, lowering his own former record by two minutes. His Sunday record was 100 miles, on a dirt track, in 89 minutes and 23 seconds.

TELLS OF LEGION'S PROGRESS

National Commander D'Olier Makes Clear Wonderful Work Accomplished in Only One Year.

Addressing a large audience of members of the American Legion and their friends, in Indianapolis recently, Franklin d'Olier, National commander of the American Legion, gave the following explanation of the organization and purposes of the legion:

It was only a little over a year ago, in France, that all were asking what kind of a veterans' organization we should have, corresponding to the G. A. R. and the Confederate Veterans. We had all seen the wonderful spirit of those in the service and we thought it would be more than unfortunate if that spirit were allowed to die out.

The movement was started on the fifteenth of March, last year, only a year ago. In a year's time from that small beginning it has become an organization with an active organization in every state of the Union, with some 8,500 posts and a membership well over a million.

Why is it that the American Legion in such a short time has grown so rapidly? The reason is simply this: That it was formed for the purpose of keeping alive that spirit of service which we all know about. And that spirit of service is service to our country and service to our comrades.

When we were over there, we saw ourselves the radical tendencies in France. We heard from officers coming from England of the radical tendencies in England, and we heard there was some concern in this country as to what might happen when over four million men were demobilized. We made up our minds the first service we should render to our country as civilians would be to see to it that this government, this country, that we were protecting against the enemy, we would protect against the foe within.

You have heard a great deal about the stand of the American Legion for law and order. That stand for law and order has done more for our country than most of us realize.

I was talking a short time ago to a member of a foreign embassy and he was discussing the American Legion and he said: "Do you realize most of the disorder and lawlessness in our country is caused by ex-service men, whereas in your country you have your ex-service men putting down lawlessness and disorder?"

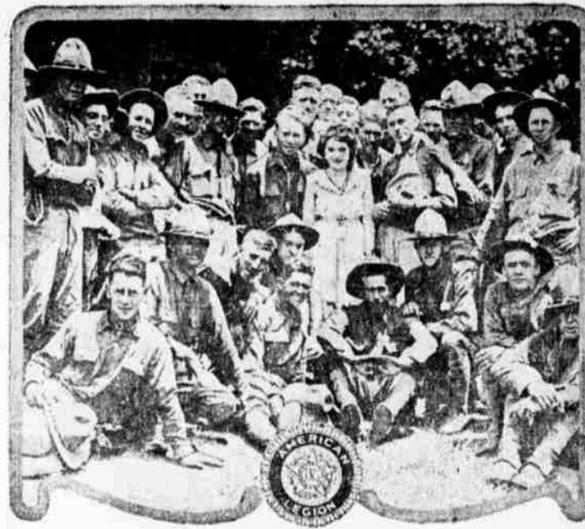
I was talking in Washington in the office of the military intelligence of the war department which is connected with the attorney general's office, and they both told me that the greatest central factor in curbing the activities of the reds and the radicals who would overturn our government by force was the American Legion. Those who would overturn our government by force know they can only do so by force and the only great group of citizens who recognize fully the power of force are the ex-service men who were fighting force with force. And when they appreciated the fact that there were 8,500 posts throughout the country and not a locality of any size, but what had an American Legion post, and that it was a rallying point around which the ex-service men can gather in case of lawlessness, and that through the legion all service men would stop the attempts of the radicals—that has turned the tide and made an improvement since last summer.

Let me give you an illustration of the soundness of their judgment. When the steel strike began in a town in Ohio, the posts called a meeting and they offered their services to the mayor. The mayor immediately swore in about two hundred, one hundred he held in reserve and the other hundred he put patrolling the residence section. The next day the labor union called a meeting for the purpose of denouncing the legion for strike breaking. The head of the American Legion post happened to be a union man and he went to the meeting and he explained just exactly what they were doing, that

The American Legion

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MARY PICKFORD AND GODSONS OF BATTERY C. 143D F. A.



Karl Ross Post of the American Legion of Stockton, Cal., Proudly Claims Film Star as Godmother, and Appreciates the Many Kindnesses Shown Them by the Movie Queen.

THE Karl Ross post of the American Legion, Stockton, Cal., claims Mary Pickford as its "godmother," and the little motion picture star does not seem inclined to dispute the claim, having recently addressed a very motherly letter to her boys whom she addressed as godsons.

This post included the Battery C men of the 143d Field Artillery, of which little Mary was godmother.

"Our Mary was an ideal godmother," said Ted Clawsley, editor of the San Joaquin Legion. "She did a thousand and one nice things for our regiment. She autographed 1,200 smiley books and gave them to us; sent every soldier a sweater; sent us thousands of cigarettes at Camp Kearney and had 70,000 of them waiting for us at Camp Merritt when we returned from France. She provided us with auto busses to return from far out in the country to a dance at Los Angeles, and she did a lot of other splendid things, including giving our regimental standard."

"Mary was honored colonel of the 143d Field Artillery. We have been told that no other in the U. S. ever had the privilege of formally inspecting a regiment of American troops except visiting royalty—no other woman, that is."

"When we made a 500-mile hike from

Camp Kearney to Los Angeles, Mary met us at the city gates dressed in a full colonel's uniform and led us through the city. That night she led the grand march at the big Shrine Auditorium military ball.

"Our regiment, every man of the 1,200, 'chipped in' to buy her a beautiful loving cup when she visited us at Camp Kearney. So you can see that the little film star was 'ace high' with the boys. Incidentally, I can tell you that she is a mighty sweet little lady to talk to—unaffected and pleasing."

"The American Legion is very active in California just now. We have 45,000 members. The local post put on a huge carnival-circus recently. Forty-eight posts of the San Joaquin Valley met and perfected a valley athletic association to handle baseball, boxing, swimming, etc."

"Our post gave \$1,000 to the Stockton Advertising club last month to aid in bringing the Pacific Coast Advertising clubs here, in convention. This sort of action on the part of the Legion has brought out reciprocal support from organizations. Our post is aiding in the Missions Restoration campaign, and takes part in every movement for civic betterment."

So it is quite evident "Little Mary" has just cause to be proud of her "godsons."

they were taking no part whatever in the controversy and were simply interested in the protection of their homes and those of the union workers.

"You are loyal patriotic American citizens. So are we. We are interested in the same things and therefore, this meeting which you have called for the purpose of denouncing the American Legion when you understand what we are trying to do, to

protect your homes from disorders, for which you will not be responsible—we are trying to protect your homes as well as our own."

As a result of this very frank statement by the post commander the meeting of organized labor approved the action of the legion, and there was no disorder whatever in that community.

This is a small thing and yet it shows just what the American Legion is trying to do. You need have no fear about the stand of the American Legion for law and order. That is one point upon which every member of the American Legion is pledged, and is one thing on which we agree unanimously, the maintenance of law and order in this country, and in that way we hope to serve our country.

In addition we are going to serve our comrades through mutual helpfulness. We will see that the dependents of those who made the supreme sacrifice are taken care of—that those disabled physically are properly cared for.

Unfortunately, although a year had elapsed since the signing of the armistice, congress had not done what it should have done for the disabled men. The American Legion called a meeting in Washington last December, and explained what they thought was fair treatment to the disabled men, that they might not be objects of charity of a private character, and legislation which we considered Monday morning was actually passed by both houses by Saturday afternoon, because what the American Legion asked was fair and just, and congress knew it had the support of the entire country. And as a result a man can now live on the compensation he receives from his government where he has become physically disabled.

We are now asking congress to do something for those of our comrades handicapped financially because of their service in the army or navy. We have been criticized for doing this on the basis that we were putting a price on our patriotism, due to the fact that anyone making that statement does not appreciate the situation.

I understand it is a historical fact that George Washington, the father of our country, received a grant of several thousand acres of land from this country, in recognition of his service during the revolution. No one has ever criticized the father of our coun-

graduated from St. Michael's college, Winooski, Vt., with the class of 1917, and then matriculated at Georgetown University Law school, Washington, D. C., but left to join the infantry before the completion of the year.

He was later attached to the war risk section, then being formed by the late Maj. Willard D. Straight, and sailed for overseas duty December 12, 1917. He saw service at the various debarkation camps in England and Scotland. He left Brest in January, 1919, and was discharged from the army, February, 1919. He has risen to the rank of regimental sergeant major, but was never commissioned.

He was assistant head of the special service section of the bureau of war risk insurance for three months and was then called to headquarters of the American Legion as assistant head of the insurance division and later of the service division, which took over the work and handled all other claims of ex-service men.

Mr. Murphy succeeds Charles F. Sheridan of Syracuse, who has been head of the service division at national headquarters of the American Legion for the past eight months, and who resigned to resume the practice of law in his native city.

CHAPLAIN AMERICAN LEGION



FATHER FRANCIS A. KELLY, Latest Photograph of the National Chaplain of the World War Veterans' Organization.

ice club rooms are housing the offices of the social center of the Legion. This has worked out for the benefit of both organizations, the Legion often taking part in the community entertainments and Community Service offering its assistance in membership campaigns and publicity. Often the local organizer is asked to explain the community program at banquets given by the local post. The understanding arrived at on such occasions usually has definite results.

One of the most recent services which Community Service was glad to render was the arranging of a program for the presentation, through the American Legion, of the certificates from the French High Commission to the nearest of kin of those who lost their lives in the world war. A complete program for the service was drawn up by an official at Community Service headquarters and sent out to all Legion posts as suggestive for Washington's birthday. It included appropriate numbers of the French and American music, a reading of Marikham's poem, "France in Battle-flame," and a fitting pageant scene. Many cities used the service as written, others adapted it to suit local conditions.

The future plans of the American Legion and Community Service include features which can be worked out by both organizations together, to the mutual benefit of themselves and the community. In fact, the similarity of purposes will make more strongly effective the efforts of each for a better citizenship.

FILIPINO LEGISLATORS DEBATE IN ENGLISH.

The English language recently was used for the first time in the debates of the Filipino House of Representatives.

The fact was culled to the United States Insular Affairs Bureau. The principal speakers were Messrs. Benitez, De Guzman and Vireta. These members are graduates from the University of the Philippines.

English is taught exclusively in the public schools of the Philippines, and it is announced, will continue to be if independence is granted. According to an estimate based on the census just completed, seventy per cent of the inhabitants of the Philippines over 10 years of age are literate. This is a higher percentage of literacy than that of any South American country.

SUGAR GROVE

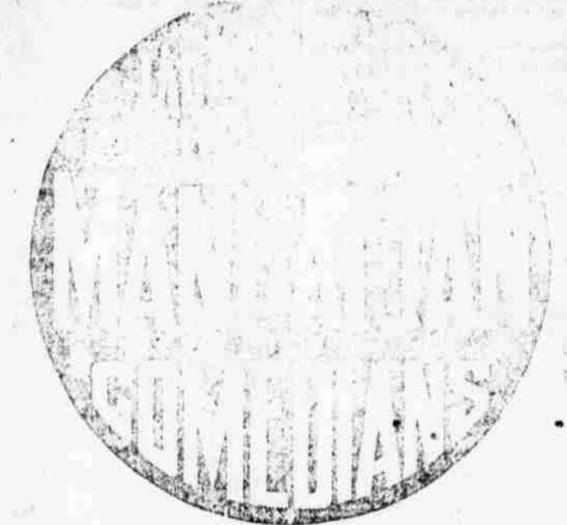
Miss August Schilling returned to St. Louis Sunday, after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schilling.

Mrs. J. W. Pinkston, Mrs. Rhoda Bradley and Misses Ruth and Beulah Mertz spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. R. C. Martin.

Geo. C. Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes, who has been working with the landscape gardeners in Nebraska and Kansas the past three months, returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Val McClanahan and children of Route 5 spent Sunday at the home of E. G. Williams.

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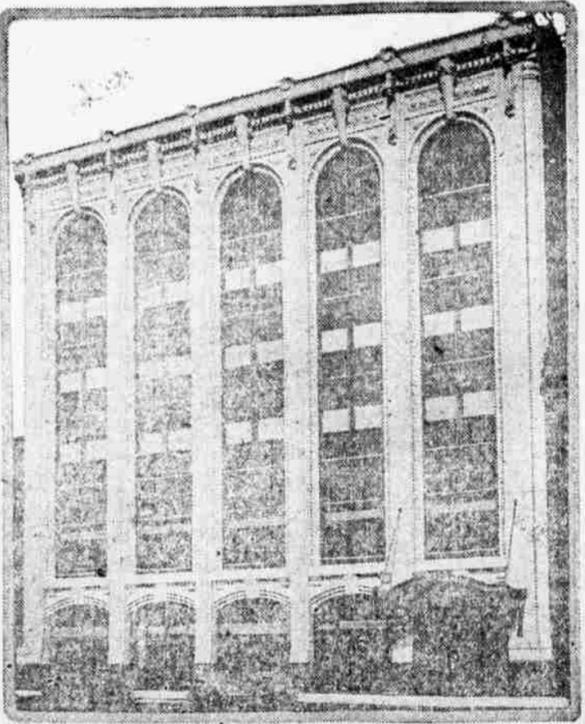
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MURPHY SAW OVERSEAS DUTY

New Director of Service Division at National Headquarters is Native of Vermont.

Gerald J. Murphy, the new director of the Service Division at national headquarters of the American Legion, Indianapolis, is a native of Rutland, Vt., and has served with the American Legion since the establishment of temporary national headquarters in New York. He was born in 1893. He was